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HALF SMOTHERED IN SMOKE, PARENTS DASH THROUGH FLAMES TO SNATCH THREE SMALL CHILDREN FROM DEATH

Entire Family Has Close Call in Early Morning Blaze Near Orr's Castle—House Burned to Ground, Firemen Arriving Too Late To Be of Service.

Milkman Driving Past Home Before Daylight Discovers Flames and Rouses Sleeping Inmates—Neighbors Succeed in Saving Part of Furnishings.

The entire family of John Plasky, resident of a house in Stratfield near Orr's castle, was saved from a horrible death in the flames that destroyed their home early this morning when John Zeitlesky, aged 16, awakened them from sleep while the dwelling was enveloped in flames.

Driven from the building by the heat of the flames and the choking smoke, Mr. and Mrs. Plasky heroically re-entered the structure and rescued their three babies from the fire.

The whole family was sound asleep, the women and children wearing tremendously by the activities of a birthday party that they attended yesterday and last evening, and the father went out with toll that he did not return until 10 o'clock last night. But for the action of Zeitlesky they probably would not have awakened until escape from the burning house was impossible.

It was about 2:30 o'clock this morning when Zeitlesky, a peddler of wigs living in Fairfield, was passing along the road in the neighborhood of the old castle. Noticing the Plasky dwelling he saw flames shooting up the back of the house, consuming the roof and the front of the building.

Zeitlesky jumped from his wagon. He ran into the house, half-blinded by smoke and groping his way to the back room in the rear. There he found Mrs. Plasky, undisturbed by the flames and smoke and sleeping peacefully. He hastily awakened her, she came to a realization of what was happening, and then both brought the husband to consciousness by frantic shakings. Threw from the sofa and the bed before him, and he rushed out. Half-stunned by smoke and weary from his toll of the night before, Plasky grasped one of his shoes and ran from the building.

Once outside, and partly recovered through the fresh air, Mrs. Plasky thought of her three children, the oldest of whom was five years. She dashed back half-dressed to get them and herself led the way into the house. Both fought their way to the roof of the babies and Plasky taking two, and his wife, one, they matched them from the death that threatened them. They reached the outer air in safety.

The Stratfield volunteer fire department was called, but when they arrived the blaze proved to be too much for the hand chemical equipment. Somebody telephoned to Bridgeport and from there a call was sent to the Fairfield fire department. The crew of the Fairfield department reached the scene of the fire at 2:30 o'clock, but it was too late then to save the building.

In the meantime, neighbors had arrived and some hardy persons entered the building and threw out some of the furniture and other possessions of the family. They were able to save a quantity of jewelry that had been kept in a sewing machine drawer was lost in the flames. The building was burned to the ground. The firemen had arrived too late to save the structure.

Neighbors of the family took them in. They are caring for the woman and children today.

The fire started in the kitchen, where a pot of grease on the kitchen range, turned over, along the back of the stove.

Will Attend School Of Instruction At Fort H. G. Wright

Among the officers and men of the Coast Artillery Corps battalion of this city who will attend the Fort H. G. Wright next week will be Captain Louis J. Brague, Lieutenant Philip L. Brown, Corporal C. H. Baldwin, Corporal W. C. Palmer, Corporal F. B. Palmer, Private R. F. Grant, and Private S. Vaghrshank of the 14th Co.

Captain E. Stanley Hall, Lieutenant Joseph M. Harrison, Lieutenant Edmond C. Booth, Sergeant Albert C. Herrmann, Corporal Dominick C. Payne, Private Anthony Casoria and Private James Brown of the 13th Co., Captain Arthur C. Bennett, Lieutenant Arthur Barrows, Lieutenant Harry Groswood and Sergeant Palmer of the 4th Co.

Lieutenant William N. Potter and Lieutenant Miles G. Thompson on the assigned list will also attend the school. The officers and men of the Bridgeport Battalion will leave this city for Fort H. G. Wright on the 6:48 train Wednesday morning.

Fire broke 180 guests from the Courtland hotel in Canton, Ohio, and caused a loss of \$40,000.

BEATEN SENSELESS BY TWO FOOTPADS, PEDDLER IS ROBBED IN CORYARD

Fact That He Carried Large Sum of Money Was Generally Known And Was Occasion of Former Attempts at Robbery In North Avenue Home—Victim Is Found Unconscious.

City wide search is to-day being made by the police in their endeavor to locate two white men known to have murdered, assaulted John Wilkins, a peddler, shortly after sunrise this morning, robbing his prostrate body of \$200 in cash after blows upon his head had rendered him unconscious.

Clues furnished by Mrs. John Brody, 980 North avenue, who say the assailants as they made their escape pursued by detective policemen to-day with the hope that those responsible for the deed will be apprehended before nightfall.

This crime committed in a "most daring manner, comes not only as a climax to others in adjoining sections of the city, but presents several odd features, owing to the fact that Wilkins, home 1149 North avenue, near Wallace street, was broken into last Monday night, although this was not reported to the police until to-day. Wilkins, aged 59 years, has suffered from a paralytic shock, and although he is not sufficiently active to defend himself from the attack of two men, he has daily worked at his business of peddling goods from a wagon, and is said to have amassed considerable wealth.

He arose about 4 o'clock this morning, his breakfast was prepared by a housekeeper, and he left for his stable in the rear of 980 North avenue. After opening the barn he had groomed his horse and was preparing to harness it, when two men who had evidently been concealed in the barn during the night crept behind him. He did not see them until they were dimly in the early morning light.

When he was struck down by a blow upon the back of his head, which opened the flesh to the skull for a distance of about three inches. The assailants immediately searched his clothing and took from a pocket a wallet containing about \$200 in bills. They then laid down North avenue to Main street, running south on that thoroughfare. Their escape was witnessed by Mrs. Brady who to-day gave a good description of them to Detective James Dooley. They were young men, apparently of Italian descent, clean-shaven, and wore caps.

Upon going to the barn, Mrs. Brady discovered the unconscious form of Wilkins upon the floor of the barn. She immediately gave the alarm, which resulted in Emergency Surgeon E. B. Weldon being awakened from his sleep and responding to the call upon the emergency ambulance. Wilkins was removed to the emergency hospital where his wounds were dressed and he made report of his loss. He was later taken to his home where he is being nursed by his wife.

Police investigation has disclosed that on Monday morning, shortly before 2 o'clock, a man had entered the home by means of a cellar doorway which had been forced. A noise in the kitchen had awakened the housekeeper who got out of bed to investigate. She nearly ran into the arms of the burglar who could be seen in the darkness of the rear doorway. He made his escape through the rear doorway.

Wilkins came from New Jersey about two years ago. He had a large sum of money upon his person. This fact was generally known.

The manufacturers of Bridgeport have addressed a petition to Senators P. A. Barden, John M. O'Connell and William H. Conley, Jr., asking them to vote for the amendment to the corporations excess bill. The amendment has been prepared by the Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut.

This amendment calls for a payment to the state of one-fifth of one per cent, on the valuation of manufacturing property as assessed in the city where it is located and taxed. The value of manufacturing property in Bridgeport, by the list of 1913, was \$23,874,000.

The value of the same property was reported to the United States Census Bureau, three years earlier, in 1910, as \$2,779,173, upon which taxes of \$299,932 were paid to municipal, state and federal governments, including \$56,000, mostly internal revenue tax, paid by concerns in the mail liquor business.

The petition of the Bridgeport manufacturers is as follows: The undersigned manufacturers of the city of Bridgeport hereby earnestly petition you to consider favorably the amendment proposed by the Manufacturers' Association of Connecticut to the bill known as the Corporate Excess Tax Bill as representing the method by which we are to pay our state tax.

"We are ready and willing to pay our fair share of this tax and only ask that we be allowed to pay it through the method as proposed in the above mentioned amendment rather than as the original bill proposes. We are emphatically opposed to the method of taxation as provided in this original bill."

The signers are: Siemon Hard Rubber Corporation, Carl F. Siemon, treasurer; Bridgeport Motor company, H. H. Brattigan, secretary; Scheraga Manufacturing Co., F. C. Blanchard, works manager; Consolidated Safety Valve company, F. C. Blanchard, works manager; Frisbie Co. company, J. P. Frisbie, president; Challenge Cutlery corpora-

tion, W. B. Primrose, manager; Bridgeport Brass company, F. J. Kingsbury, president; Automatic Machine company, F. J. Kingsbury, president; American & British Manufacturing company, G. W. Hoadley, president; J. S. F. company, E. Wheeler, manager; Electric Cable Co., J. Nelson Shreve, treasurer; The Volta company, J. Nelson Shreve, treasurer; International Silver Co., J. G. Ludlum, assistant manager; American Chain company, Bishop W. Co., vice president; Weldich Bros. Manufacturing company, L. Weldich, president; Whiting Mfg. Co., R. W. Higgins superintendent; Union Metallic Cartridge Co., E. C. Hosking, works manager; Armstrong Manufacturing company, C. H. Armstrong, secretary; A. W. Burritt Co., A. W. Burritt, treasurer; Acme Shear company, Dwight C. Wheeler, secretary; Bryant Electric company, Harvey Hubbell, president; Cornwell & Patterson Manufacturing Co., Grant Mfg. & Machine company, J. C. Kingsbury, president; Coe-Stapley company, Coe, E. S. Coe, vice president; A. H. Nilson Machine company, A. H. Nilson, president; Royal Equipment Co., S. Simpson, president; American Tube & Stamping Co., C. D. S. Miller, president; Bridgeport Metal Goods Manufacturing company, A. S. Lhyne, president; Yost Typewriter Works, M. H. Chapin, manager; La-Restla-Corset company, M. M. Downer, president.

"N. Palmer & Co., F. Clarke, Prop.; Bridgeport Hardware Mfg. Corp., W. F. Hobbs, Pres.; Burns & Bassick Co., W. F. Burns, Vice-Pres.; Bullard Manufacturing Tool Co., A. H. Bullard, Sec.; Locomobile Co. of America, A. L. Riker, Vice-Pres.; Macfarlane Bros. Mfg. Co., F. H. Macfarlane, Pres.; Bpt. Silverware Mfg. Co., F. H. Macfarlane, Pres.; G. Drouve Co., W. V. Des, Sec.; Smith & Egge Mfg. Co., O. C. Smith, Treasurer; Warner Brothers Co., D. V. Warner, Treas.; Sprague Motor Co., H. H. Greenfield, Sec.; Belknap Mfg. Co., W. L. Belknap, Treas.; Coulter & McKenzie Mch. Co., R. J. Witterwell, Continued on Page 2.

labor men felt was just under the present conditions, many firms at once agreed to the raise and began payment two weeks ago. Others who had waited for the last day before raising the wages, to-day made no protest when the men went to work on the various buildings now under construction, and labor officials point to this fact as indicating a coming era of prosperity in Bridgeport.

A large quantity of buildings is now in progress and though many carpenters from other cities have arrived in the city the fears of labor heads that a surplus will soon be here has not as yet been realized. A warning against too free immigration to this city, has been sent out by the local carpenters' union to other cities.

PASSENGERS ON LUSITANIA GET GRIM WARNING

Telegrams to Travelers To-day Say Ocean Liner Is To Be Torpedoed.

VANDERBILT SILENT ABOUT HIS MESSAGE

More Than 3,000 Persons Face War Zone Dangers in Today's Sailings.

New York, May 1—The largest number of trans-Atlantic travelers to leave New York in a single day this spring had booked passage on six big liners leaving today. The Lusitania alone had aboard nearly 900 cabin passengers and a large number in the steerage.

Apparently the notice, published today over the signature of the Imperial German embassy, reminding passengers that vessels flying the flag of the allies are liable to destruction in the war zone around the British Isles, had no effect on the traveling public. It was estimated that more than 3,000 persons had reserved sailings today.

Besides the Lusitania, for Liverpool, ships sailing for European ports, were the British liners Cameronia for Glasgow, and Canopic for the Mediterranean, by way of Boston; the Danish liner Bergensfjord for Bergen; the Dutch steamer Rotterdam for Rotterdam, and the American liner New York for Liverpool.

When the Lusitania sailed she had aboard 1,310 passengers. A number of the passengers received telegrams at the pier, signed by names unknown to them and presumed to be fictitious, advising them not to sail, as the liner was to be torpedoed by submarines. Among the persons who received such a telegram was Alfred G. Vanderbilt. He destroyed the message without comment.

Charles P. Sumner, general agent of the Cunard Line, said that the Lusitania's voyage was attended by no risk whatever, as the liner had a speed of 25 1/2 knots and was provided with unusual watertight bulkheads. The boilers of the vessel are in the middle of the ship and need to these, Mr. Sumner pointed out, are the coal bunkers, thirty feet deep.

DAVE FULTZ, HEAD OF BASEBALL MEN, TO SIGN FOR LIFE

Engagement to Miss Verlin, of South Norwalk, Is Announced.

South Norwalk, May 1—The engagement of David L. Fultz, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Ida M. Verlin, of this city, was announced today.

Mr. Fultz is a prominent figure in American athletics. He is a member of the law firm of Murphy and Fultz, of Wall street, New York. Mr. Fultz is the head of The Baseball Players' Fraternity and was its organizer.

Mr. Fultz signed up with the Philadelphia Nationals and continued in major baseball until 1905. During his baseball career he played with the Athletics for two years and the Yankees for five years. Since 1905 he has not taken an active part in any branch of sports other than to act as an official at the Yale, Harvard and Princeton football games. He was especially prominent in Brown university sports during his career in that college.

"They're Hangin' Cunliffe's Rover in The Mornin' "

When Harry Cunliffe, retired British Army officer, living at 88 Malden lane, reached his home this morning from neighbors in the vicinity of his home on Easter morning he will have good reason to remember Kilpin's famous poem, so often recited in his Thelod, as he will be Eibers Wall, Jr., Danny Keever in the Morning."

Cunliffe was arrested early this morning on complaint of the Animal Rescue league of this city, charging him with cruel torturing and killing a dog. In the city court his case was adjourned until Tuesday at the request of counsel, Robert G. DeForest, who wished to familiarize himself with the details of his client's act.

Agent Wm. D. Bishop of the Rescue league said to-day that Cunliffe had been complained of by the neighbors who assert that following the decision of his neighbors and himself that a fox-terrier formerly owned by Cunliffe was a menace, the prisoner had cruelly and wantonly tied a noose to his neck and strung it up to the grape arbor in the rear of the house on Easter Sunday morning; also that with due military precision he had formally concluded the execution by pronouncing it officially dead; also carrying out the full detail of a military execution the dog had been condemned and hung at sunrise—at 4 a. m. Revell was soundly rebuffed by the neighbors as soon as they finished the dog with the result that Cunliffe was arrested to-day.

PAWLING MAN GETS LICENSE TO WED HERE.

A marriage license was granted to-day to Robert Blawdin, 24, an electrician of Pawling, N. Y., and Elizabeth R. Rodyke, 21, of 143 Main St., this city.

Secretary Bryan signed an order requiring the watchmen in his department to wear uniforms.

ORGANIZED BALL DENIES PETITION OF BENNY KAUFF

Federal Jumper Can't Be Reinstated, Ruling of Commission.

BASEBALL TANGLES CERTAIN TO FOLLOW

Outlaw League Now Only Place Open to Former Bridgeporter.

Cincinnati, May 1—The National Baseball Commission today refused the application for reinstatement of Benny Kauff, Brooklyn Federal League player, who signed a New York National contract on last Thursday.

This means that Kauff cannot play with the Glants or with any other club in organized baseball. Kauff is classified as a player who jumped the reserve clause. In 1914, when he had been drafted from Hartford by Indianapolis of the American association, he went over to the Federal league. He played all last season with the Federals. The rules of organized baseball provide that in the case of a player who violates a reserve contract he cannot be reinstated within three years. So it is probable that the Glants will send Kauff back to the Brooklyn Federals.

HILL NOW HELD FOR MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Redding Civil War Veteran May Have Liberty in \$1,500 Bail.

(Special to The Farmer)

Danbury, May 1—The charge against Joseph Hill, the Redding Civil War veteran, who killed George W. Higgins of Bridgeport, was changed today from murder in the first degree to murder in the second degree. He was arraigned before Judge Robert S. Alexander in the city court and his case was continued a week.

Hill will be allowed his freedom if he can procure bail. Bonds were set at \$1,500.

Coroner J. J. Phelan said this afternoon that he has done nothing further on the case. He has procured a writ of habeas corpus for Hill and that has opened an avenue of investigation, however.

Through statements made by Hill in his hearing before the coroner, it is believed Hill and Higgins may have had a fight over some offense Hill may have committed in Worcester county, Mass., 20 years ago. He lived there at the time, and Higgins has relatives there now.

It is estimated that Higgins brought up some unpleasant recollection, which resulted in a fight between him and Hill.

Hill showed no evidence of feeling this morning when he was arraigned in court. He remained as calm as ever. It is expected he will be able to get bail.

Socialists Plan Big Observance of May Day Here

May Day will be celebrated in Bridgeport at Assembly hall above Socialist headquarters in the Park Theatre building in Main street tomorrow evening. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock. Commencement from various radical societies of the city including the Socialists, the Socialist Labor party and other parties affiliated with workingmen's movements, have been holding weekly meetings for two months and a rather elaborate program of speeches, music and recitations has been perfected.

It is believed the May Day meeting, which was postponed until tomorrow because of the opportunity for getting a larger audience, will be one of the biggest ever held in this city. Among the speakers will be Eibers Wall, Jr., Mrs. Emma Schrupp, Frank Fredericks and Christopher Spry.

Members of the Socialist party will give instrumental and vocal solos and recitations. The entertainment and May Day observance will be free to all who care to attend.

Find Willard Mack's Watch in New York

Willard Mack, the playwright, who recently reported to the police that he had been robbed by thugs is improving to-day at the Bridgeport hospital. It is believed that he will be discharged to-morrow, when he will likely leave the city for Los Angeles.

The police are still investigating the reported hold-up which proved many complications. Mack's watch has been located in New York city and the police will endeavor to ascertain who brought it to that city.

DOG POPULATION SHOWS INCREASE OF 132 FROM THAT OF LAST YEAR.

Up to the time the town clerk's office closed for the week a total of 2,660 dogs had been licensed for 2,660 male dogs and 128 females and for one kennel. This is an increase of 122 over the number granted last year for male dogs and 22 over that granted for female dogs. Four kennels were licensed last year as against one so far this year. For all licenses that are granted now there will be an additional penalty of \$1.

Local rains tonight, Sunday unclouded. Moderate shifting winds, becoming northwest.

ATTACK ON U. S. SHIP CONFIRMED TO STATE DEPT.

Three Killed At Launching Of Battleship

Bordeaux, France, May 1.—Three persons were killed here today in an accident in connection with the launching of the battleship Languedoc. The vessel left the ways with such speed that it stranded on the bank of the river. It struck and crushed a lighter on board which the fatalities occurred.

The Languedoc probably will be released at high tide this evening. She is of the super-dreadnaught type, of 24,830 tons. She carries 12 12-inch guns, 24 5.5-inch guns, and six torpedoes. She is 574 feet long and cost \$13,312,000.

RAE TANZER AGAIN CHANGES HER MIND ABOUT OSBORNE

New York, May 1—Miss Rae Tanzer, the young milliner who sued James W. Osborne for \$50,000 for breach of promise to marry and later withdrew her suit saying Mr. Osborne was not the man who courted her under the name of Oliver Osborne, changed her testimony again today and under oath identified James W. Osborne as her admirer, Oliver Osborne.

Miss Tanzer evidently lost her temper and, forgetting instructions of her counsel, said: "Yes, James W. Osborne is the man I was running around with." "Do you mean to say, Miss Tanzer," asked Attorney Wood, "that the man you saw at 115 Broadway (James W. Osborne's office) was Oliver Osborne?"

"Yes, I do," said Miss Tanzer. "Now, Miss Tanzer, do you mean to say that this is the man you were running around with as 'Oliver Osborne'?" asked Mr. Wood pointing to Mr. Osborne. Miss Tanzer hesitated as James W. Osborne rose to his feet. Osborn's counsel said: "That is the man."

Mr. Osborne smiled broadly at this assertion and then sat down.

Barnes-Roosevelt Counsel Preparing For New Attacks

Syracuse, N. Y., May 1—Counsel for both William Barnes and Theodore Roosevelt were engaged today in preparing evidence for presentation in the supreme court here next week when the trial of Mr. Barnes' suit for libel is resumed. At the opening of court on Monday, Michael Dolan, general manager of the Albany Evening Journal, will continue to testify about the printing situation in the state capital. Other witnesses who will tell about the printing will follow.

The consensus of opinion among attorneys, connected with both sides of the case seemed today to be that the presentation of testimony would carry the case into the week after next.

No Identification For Body Long In Water; Burial Made

Search into another mystery of the harbor was probably ended as the newly made grave at Lakeview home this morning hid from view the body of a man, dressed like a longshoreman, found floating off the foot of Main street last evening and towed to shore by the mate of the steamer "Rosedale."

Acting Medical Examiner Edward M. Fitzgerald gave permission for the removal of the body to city undertaker Bourke & Boucher. So far advanced was decomposition, that burial was necessary early today. The body was clothed in an old shirt, overalls and rubber boots. It had apparently been in the water for more than a month for the features were not distinguishable.

Creditors Oppose Firm's Discharge From Bankruptcy

On the ground that they transferred property with the intention of giving certain creditors preference, notice of opposition to the discharge from bankruptcy of Mentos & Fustal of this city has been filed with Referee John W. Banks.

Attorneys Shapiro & Shapiro, counsel for Mentos & Fustal, filed notice of opposition. There was to have been a hearing to-day on the discharge but Referee Banks was out of the city. Mentos & Fustal were engaged in the building business.

WEATHER FORECAST

Local rains tonight, Sunday unclouded. Moderate shifting winds, becoming northwest.

Minister Van Dyk, Reporting From The Hague, Says German Aviators Dropped Bombs on American Tank Steamer, But No Lives Were Lost.

Russian Steamer, Name Yet Unknown, Is Sunk By German Submarine Off Coast of Ireland—Crew Is Saved—Dunkirk Attack Stirs England.

Washington, May 1—American Minister Van Dyk, at The Hague reported to the state department today that the American steamer Cushing, from Philadelphia for Rotterdam, was damaged by bombs dropped from German air craft in the North Sea but that no lives were lost.

Russian Steamer Is Sunk. London, May 1—The Russian steamer Svorono, 2,000 tons, bearing Welsh coal to Archangel, a Russian port, on the White Sea, was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine believed to be the U-23 on Friday at noon, near the Blasket Islands, on the west coast of Ireland.

The Svorono's crew of 24 men, mostly Russian, barely had time to take to the boats when the vessel sank. All were rescued by a patrol boat.

SHELLING OF DUNKIRK EXCITES ALL ENGLAND

London, May 1—The developments on the northern extremities of the two battle fronts, both east and west, the shelling of Dunkirk in France and a new German offensive movement aimed at the Baltic provinces, take precedence in the war news of today. British aviators have discovered and attacked the German batteries which, from a distance variously estimated by English observers at from 18 to even 20 miles, hurled great shells at the French coast.

It remains to be seen whether the bombs dropped did enough damage to put the guns out of action.

London newspapers say this bombardment of Dunkirk means that the Germans still cling to their cherished idea of occupying the French coast nearest England and more than one editorial writer today points out that Flanders still remains the critical theatre of operations.

Special despatches from Petrograd disagree as to the purpose of the German thrust at the extreme Russian right. One theory connects it with probable movements of the German fleet in the Baltic looking to invasion of the Baltic provinces. Other idea is that this advance may be resumed at Libau and Riga, the former strong Russian naval base and the latter one of the most important ports on the Baltic.

The official statement concerning the Dardanelles seems to have reassured the British public that their army is fairly well established in the landing operations but at the same time indicates that much fighting must ensue before a firm grip is established.

GERMANY WARNS U. S. OF WAR ZONE DANGERS.

Washington, May 1—In an official notice published by the German embassy in every important city of the United States this morning, American citizens were given renewed warning that by traveling on ships flying the flag of Germany's enemies, they do so at their own risk.

Embassy officials, in explaining the notice, emphasized that it was a warning to travelers and that the embassy had acted in accordance with general instructions from the Berlin foreign office.

Secretary Bryan said it would not be proper for him to comment on the German "embassy advertisement." The state department, however, had refused to issue passports to Americans who intended going to Europe for pleasure or sightseeing alone, issuing them to Americans who say they are compelled to make the voyage on business.

New Mortgage of Defunct Banking House Is In Court

Another Burr & Knapp mortgage came into the superior court to-day when papers were filed in foreclosure proceedings brought by Louisa Curtis of Fairfield against Morris Goldstein Morris Kane and others of this city. The property which is situated on Seaview avenue, was mortgaged in 1898 to secure a note of \$3,000.